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Mr. Robert McCloskey: We now have evidence that the
Student Revolutionary Directorate in Miami was involved
(responsible) in the shelling in Cuba last night, and in
this connection I have the following statement:

A spur-of-the-moment raid such as this does not weaken
the Communist apparatus. While we appreciate the strong
feelings of this free student group and their hostility to
this most oppressive regime, we cannot approve of the use
of U.S. territory as a base for such action. The Coast
Guard intends to impound the boats and we must inform the
participants that any repetition of such action by any
group ^could involve the provisions of the Neutrality Act.

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